U.S. Application No.: NEW PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace title with the following title:

"ACOUSTIC SOUND ROUTING IN VEHICLES"

Please add the following paragraph after the title:

Cross Reference To Related Application

[0001] This application is a *national stage* of PCT/EP2003/012989 filed November 20, 2003 and based upon DE 102 55 794.2 filed November 28, 2002 under the International Convention.

Please replace paragraph [0002] with the following amended paragraph:

[0002] The invention relates to an acoustic apparatus for producing audio signals in accordance with the features of the precharacterizing part of patent claim 1.

Please replace paragraph [0007] with the following amended paragraph:

[0007] The object is achieved by an apparatus having the features of patent claim 1. Further advantageous developments and refinements of the invention are described in the subclaims.